"We think that fighting the government and being lesbians are really intrinsic to each other ...

and that's the only way we're ever going to win liberation for ourselves and for other women and for other lesbians..."

Linda Evans, Political Prisoner

Laura Whitehorn, Susan Rosenberg, Linda Evans, Marilyn Buck, Tim Blunk, and Alan Berkman are the six activists named in the Resistance Conspiracy Case in th USA. The indictment charges them with conspiring together and with unnamed others "to influence, change and protest policies and practices of the United States government concerning various international and domestic matters through the use of violent and illegal means."

The six activists named in the case are all known for their long history of work supporting national liberation movements, the women's movement, lesbian and gay liberation, and anti-Klan activities. Some are accused of helping Assata Shakur, Black Liberation Army member, escape from prison. All of them are committed to building resistance to government and corporate crimes against people, and have helped build an underground movement as one part of the resistance necessary to make real changes in the world.

"They want to make an example of us by burying us in prison...The fact that there are white people - women, lesbians - fighting against racism and fighting to fundamentally change the system is very threatening to them."
"I love women. And I really believe that we should be completely free to develop our full potential with no barriers at all...And I know that because I identify my own oppression, both as a woman and a lesbian, it means that I have a real stake in winning." - Linda Evans

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"The issues of privacy, of control, of having your will as a grown up human being taken away from you is really typical, part of how all women prisoners are treated; and then when it's very focused in that way, how women political prisoners are treated. Lesbians can experience an additional level of sexual degradation. Laura Whitehorn recalls, "I was in Pleasanton, where the male pat-searches are a regular thing...and knowing they were going to look at me and say 'This is a lesbian,' and be pat-searching me really gave me the roaring creeps."

"The problem is that I think our movement - and I include the women's movement and the lesbian movement - has been so influenced by government limitations, by our relative privilege in the world... that they're willing to allow the government to write people like us off from the movement that we've struggled as a part of for our whole lives." - Linda Evans

(quotes from "Sojourner" Feb 1989)

The indictment alleges that the six were associated with a network of underground groups that claimed responsibility for a series of bombings of government and military buildings in 1983-85. If convicted, each of the six defendants could receive 40-45 years in prison.

The prosecution stated in court that they didn't know who did the bombings. Instead, they want to convict the Resistance Conspiracy six by showing they shared a common purpose of resisting US war crimes.

Even though for us in Canada this indictment will not directly affect our legal situation, we know that negative developments in the US are always closely copied by our system shortly afterwards. A conviction merely on the grounds of conspiracy makes us all criminals, and paves the way for future harassment and destruction of any movements for changes. For these six activists who have shown a history of internationalism, we can reciprocate by helping them stop this legal farce.

How can you help?

Find out more about the case and the situation of political prisoners in North America. You can write to us at the address below for further information on this case. Or you can come see the video "Resistance Conspiracy", advertised below.

Write to the prisoners: Alan Berkman #233-315, Tim Blunk #233-410, Marilyn Buck #233-396, Linda Evans #233-411, Susan Rosenberg #233-412, Laura Whitehorn #220-858, all c/o D.C. Jail, 1901 D. St. S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003

Come See "Resistance Conspiracy", a new video about the six, August 2nd at the Euclid Theatre, 394 Euclid Ave., 8pm. Featuring a speaker from the Washington Area Committee for Political Prisoners Rights. Presented by the Anarchist Black Cross and the Wimmin Prisoners' Survival Network.

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